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V8s in the Highlands

The short two day V8 Highland Tour, based at the Dundonnell Hotel on Little Loch Broom near Ullapool, covered a major part of the routes described in the three Memorable MG Routes published in Safety Fast! over recent months. The tour provided over 40 V8 members and their friends attending the European Event of the Year 2013 at Aviemore, particularly those making a long journey from Mainland Europe or the south of England, with an opportunity to spend a few more days in the Northwest Highlands.

The tour routes revealed sights and places many visitors touring the Scottish Highlands might not know are there, for example an unusual geological feature, the parallel roads in Glen Roy, and the ancient structures called brochs near Glenelg together with the rare turntable ferry across to Skye. The routes also highlighted spectacular views - across Loch Maree, to the Rough Bounds of Knoydart above Invergarry, to the isles from Glen Brittle Bay on Skye and long views to many mountains. But the routes also passed popular sights



like Eilean Donan Castle on Loch Alsh and the Commando Memorial near Spean Bridge which few visitors pass.

The tour routes were popular with plenty to see and visit. The second day up in the wild landscape of Assynt had glorious sunny

weather. The V8 Dinners at the hotel saw the traditional eight 4 minute toasts and on the final night, toasts from Annie Yates to "Prince George" and Brigitte Kallenberg to "Angela Merkel"! Probably the most amusing toast was to the "Destruction of the Midge" by Mark Randle.